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York County Wetlands Board

RE: Wetlands Application 09-26
VMRC # 09-0806

Although many of my concerns were outlined in a letter submitted to the board during October 2009 (a copy of which is attached) I wanted to reinforce my position that complete reengineering of the property and placing fill dirt in the Chesapeake Bay should not be part of the solution related to the referenced application.

I want to reiterate that this entire project is predicated on the fact that the fill will not leave the defined area and hence won't affect any other residents. There is no proof offered that this will be the case nor is there any evidence that this will be the result.

Construction of revetments, and breakwaters are unpredictable and need to be done in an area where the movement of silt does not affect navigability. A perfect example of the unpredictability is the project consisting of spurs, and fill dirt that has recently been completed at the end of York Point Road. These have caused an unwanted, and highly unanticipated degradation of the *neighboring* parcel that is forcing the owner to undertake significant expenses to protect his property. Due to the construction at the adjacent property the owners, Ted and Merrill Hemmert have lost roughly 1ft per week of their property – said owners wanted to be here tonight in an effort to share their experience in the hopes other neighbors would not endure the same nightmare but were unable to make. Further proof that this form of erosion control is unpredictable is the fact that Yorktown must be replenished.

The point was made by several board members last time that a simple crushed stone seawall was more than adequate for erosion control, which has proved to be not only effective, but the **proper** form, as evidenced by the other lots on York Point with the exact same exposures. Full borne living shorelines unfortunately can not always be the proper answer. If the goal is a living shoreline why not replace the seawall with blue crushed stone, and plant appropriate plants in FRONT of the seawall, eliminating the need for fill dirt, expansive intrusions into navigable waters, and yet still satisfying the desire to be environmentally conscious.

- We are putting our faith in the Board to make the decision that reflects what is appropriate for the citizens of York County.
- We are putting our faith in the Board to help us retain our rights to use the canals that we have maintained throughout the years.

- We are asking you to fulfill your obligation to uphold the written code and provide the minimum reprieve necessary for adequate erosion control – by denying an application that includes irresponsibly dumping fill in an area completely surrounded by channels, you will not only preserve our property values and protect the rights of the existing citizens but you can strengthen the reputation of the board as being able to make appropriate decision with regard to erosion control requirements.



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Note: Copy of October 2009 Submission to the Wetlands Board Follows on Next Page.